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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP. NI

SUBJECT: LAGOS TRADE FAIR

REF: LAGOS 4997, 4998

1. REFTELS WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION UPON MY RETURN
FROM AFDB MEETING IN MAURITIUS THIS WEEK. I HAVE DISCUSS-
ED YOUR CONCERNS WITH AF/W AND AF/EPS AND THEY SHARE THEM.

2. WE ARE AWARE THAT THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE
OPPOSITION IN COMMERCE/OIM TO PARTICIPATING IN THE FAIR
AND SOME OFFICIALS THERE REMAIN UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT OUR
PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, COMMERCE HAS CHANGED ITS POSITION
SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE DATES FOR THE FAIR WERE FIRST
ANNOUNCED. AT THAT TIME COMMERCE/OIM STRONGLY OPPOSED
PARTICIPATION IN THE FAIR ON THE GROUNDS THAT NO FUNDS HAD
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BEEN INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE FAIR AND FEW U.S.
FIRMS WOULD WANT TO PARTICIPATE. EVENTUALLY, AFTER OUR
STRONG INTERVENTION (INCLUDING YOUR DISCUSSION WITH UNDER
SECRETARY HARMON), COMMERCE FOUND FUNDS IN THE BUDGET AND
AGREED TO PARTICIPATE. LETTERS FROM YOU HAVE NOW BEEN
SENT OUT TO 125 FIRMS INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE.
COMMERCE/OIM HAS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT THE SECRETARY OF

COMMERCE ATTEND THE INAUGURATION. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT COMMERCE/OIM WOULD SABOTAGE THE FAIR AFTER INVITING THEIR SECRETARY TO ATTEND.

3. WE HAVE BEEN MAKING THE POINTS SET FORTH IN LAGOS 4997 IN OUR CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMERCE ON THE FAIR AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. I WILL FOLLOW UP AS NEEDED AT POLICY LEVELS IN COMMERCE TO ENSURE THAT COMMERCE PROVIDES FULL SUPPORT FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE FAIR AND GIVES APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO NIGERIA IN ITS OVERALL OPERATIONS.

4. UNDERSTAND THAT EB/OCA IS TAKING UP THE QUESTION OF IMPROPER USE OF USDOC CHANNELS WITH COMMERCE AS THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CASES.

5. TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT POST MAY WISH TO REDRAFT LAGOS 4997 AND SEND IT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT EVERYONE HAVING AN INTEREST IS KEPT INFORMED. CHRISTOPHER

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